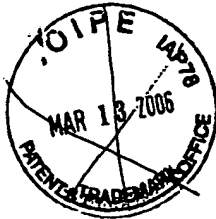


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This is in reply to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on October 12, 2005 having a due date for response of January 12, 2006. A Petition for Extension of Time for Two Months together with the extension fee is submitted herewith thereby extending the due date to March 13, 2006 (March 12 being a Sunday).